

AMENDMENTS**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at p. 2, lines 9-14 of the Specification as follows –

–The present invention is directed to a solid chelating resin comprising a reactive hydrophobic backbone and pendent carbodithioic groups. Since these resins are formed using reagents differentiated from previous art, moieties that do not contribute to the resin's chelating functionality are substantially reduced or absent. An example would be that, in the case of a (poly)dithiocarbamate resin, there are no tertiary [[nitrogen]] amine groups present as in all polyethylene imine-based technology.--